

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8-24 and 26-55 are pending. Claims 7 and 25 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 12 and 19 have been amended. Claims 29-55 have been added.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 7, 11, 25, and 28 are directed to allowable subject matter. Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 12, and 19 to include the allowable subject matter of claims 7 and 25 and have added independent claims 29, 39, and 47 that include the allowable subject matter of claims 11 and 28. All the independent claims now include subject matter that the Examiner has indicated is allowable.

Based upon the above amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application and its early allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (206) 359-8548.

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